

Claims

1. A method for retrofitting a bucket including
a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion, and
a wire member including
 - 5 first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,
a central section intermediate the first and second ends, and
a gripping member mounted on the central section of the wire member,
the method including the steps of
 - (a) removing the gripping member;
 - 10 (b) providing a replacement unit for the gripping member, the replacement unit
including first and second identical pieces shaped and dimensioned to be
mounted on the central section of the wire member by
 - (i) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial
orientation that is identical to that of said second piece, and
 - 15 (ii) snapping said first piece into said second piece by moving one of said
pieces in a direction of travel normal to the central section of the wire
member such that said first and second pieces are mounted on and
circumscribe the central section,
each of said pieces including
 - 20 (iii) at least one clip tab including an outer end,
 - (iv) at least one opening formed to receive said clip tab on the other of said
pieces such that said clip tab on the other of said pieces snaps into said
opening, and

(v) an arcuate groove shaped to receive a portion of the central section of the wire member; and,

(c) mounting the replacement unit on the central section of the wire member by

(i) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial orientation that is identical to that of said second piece, and

(ii) snapping said first piece into said second piece in a fixed position by moving one of said pieces in a direction of travel normal to the central section of the wire member such that

said clip tab on each of said pieces each slide into one of said openings on the other of said pieces and snap into said one of said openings such that said clip tabs are spaced apart and alternate along a length of said central section such that

said clip tab on said first piece extends in a first direction laterally past said central section,

said clip tab on said second piece extends in a second direction opposite said first direction laterally past said central section, and

said end of said tab on said first piece is on a first side of said central section and said tab on said second piece is on a second side of said central section, said first side being opposite said second side,

a portion of the central section nests in said arcuate groove, and said first and second pieces circumscribe the central section.

2. In combination with a bucket, the bucket including

a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion, and

a wire member including

first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,

5 a central section intermediate the first and second ends, and

a gripping member mounted on the central section of the wire member,

the improvements for providing a handle for the wire member, said improvements including

first and second identical pieces shaped and dimensioned to be mounted on the central

10 section of the wire member by

(a) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial orientation that is identical to that of said second piece; and,

(b) snapping said first piece into said second piece by moving one of said pieces in a direction of travel normal to the central section of the wire member such that

15 said first and second pieces are mounted on and circumscribe the central section,

each of said pieces including

(c) at least one clip tab extending outwardly from said piece;

(d) at least one opening extending completely through said piece and formed to
20 receive and interlock with said clip tab on the other of said pieces such that said clip tab on the other of said pieces snaps into said opening to hold said pieces fixedly together when one of said first and second pieces is displaced in said direction of travel toward the other of said first and second pieces and toward the

central section of the wire member; and

(e) at least first and second arcuate grooves spaced apart and each shaped to receive a different portion of the central section of the wire member such that

5 (i) each of said different portions of the central section nests in one of said grooves, and

(ii) said arcuate grooves of said first piece alternate along the central section with said arcuate grooves of said second piece, said arcuate grooves of said first piece contacting a first side of said central section opposite a
10 second side of said central section contacted by said arcuate grooves of said second piece.

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